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SUBJ: MALIK URGES TERMINATION OF US BASES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

REF: A. BANGKOK 5135 AND JAKARTA 3689 B. JAKARTA 4552

BEGIN SUMMARY: IN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 23 FOLLOW-
ING HIS RETURN FROM EUROPE, FONMIN MALIK SAID IT IS TIME
FOR US TO WITHDRAW FROM MILITARY BASES IN THAILAND AND
PHILIPPINES, IN VIEW OF SITUATION IN INDOCHINA, SINCE BASES
CREATE "SUSPECION." MALIK WELCOMED REUNIFICATION OF
VIETNAM; SAID FEDERATED OR UNITED INDOCHINA WOULD BE "VALID,"
AND THAT IN ANY CASE INDOCHINA WILL BE "RED." HE EXPRESSED
HOPE "NEW FORCE" IN INDOCHINA WOULD BE FREINDLY TOWARD
ASEAN NEIGHBORS, AND PERHAPS EVENTUALLY JOIN ASEAN. HE ALSO
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REAFFORMED GOI'S INTENTION TO RECOGNIZE NEW KHMER REGIME

WHATEVER ITS POLITICS AND SAID INDONESIA NOT ABLE TO RECEIVE VEITNAMESE REFUGEES WHO ARE RESPONSIBILITY OF "RICH" UNITED STATES. MALIK'S COMMENTS ARE PROBABLY OUT OF STEP WITH GOI SECURITY LEADERSHIP'S MUCH MORE CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO INDOCHINA AND CONTINUED DESIRE FOR US SECURITY ROLE IN THIS AREA. FOLLOWING BASED MAINLY ON REPORT IN KOMPAS APRIL 24. END SUMMARY END CONFIDENTIAL BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED

1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT REPORTS THAT BOTH THAILAND AND PHILIPPINES ARE CONTEMPLATING TERMINATION OF US BASES, MALIK SAID INDONESIA HAS ALWAYS URGED ASEAN PARTNERS TO ELIMINATE BASES. MOREOVER, HE SAID, IN VIEW OF SITUATION IN INDOCHINA, REMOVAL OF BASES WOULD ELIMINATE "SUSPECION" ABOUT US INTENTIONS TOWARD OTHER COUNTRIES. ROLE OF US IN INDOCHINA, HE SAID, SHOULD NOT BE TO "INTERFERE", AS IT HAS IN PAST, BUT TO AID IN REDEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA, SINCE US IS WEALTHY.

2. ON FUTURE OF VIETNAM, MALIK SAID IT WOULD BE UNIFIED, AND THAT THIS WOULD FULFILL CENTURIES OF STRUGGLE BY VIETNAMESE AGAINST CHINA, FRANCE AND JAPAN.

3. ON GOI POLICY TO WARD CAMBODIA, MALIK STRESSED THAT INDONESIA WILL RECOGNIZE ANY REGIME IN PHNOM PENH, "WHETHER RED OR GREEN," EXCEPT EXILE REGIME. ASKED ABOUT GOI'S DELAY IN EXTENDING OFFICIAL RECOGNITION TO NEW KHMER REGIME, MALIK SAID GOI HAS ALREADY DONE SO "IN PRINCIPLE" IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT WITH OTHER ASEAN GOVERNMENTS, AND THAT "TECHNICALITIES" OF OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WILL BE COMPLETED IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

4. TURNING TO FUTURE OF INDOSHINA, MALIK SAID "LIKE IT OR NOT, IT WILL BE RED," ADDING THAT IT WOULD BE "VALID" FOR FORMER COLONIES IN INDOCHINA TO FORM A FEDERATION OR UNITE. HE SAID INDONESIA "UNLIKE THE US" DOES NOT WISH TO PALLY INDOCHINA COUNTRIES OFF AGAINST EACH OTHER; INDONESIA HOPES THAT THE "NEW FORCE" IN INDOCHINA WILL AT LEAST BE A FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR AND HOPEFULLY MIGHT EVENTUALLY JOIN ASEAN.
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5. MALIK SAID PROTECTION OF OTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS AGAINST INCREASED COMMUNIST INFLUENCE AS RESULT OF COMMUNIST VICTORY IN INDOCHINA WOULD DEPEND ON SUCCESS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF NATIONAL RESILIENCE OF THESE COUNTRIES.

6. ON SUBJECT OF INDONESIAN AID TO REFUGEES FROM SOUTH

VIETNAM,. MALIK NOTED SARCASTICALLY INDONESIA IS NOT A "SOCIAL WELFARE MINISRTY" AND THAT 130 MILLION PEOPLE OF ITS OWN ARE ENOUGH TO WORRY ABOUT. "LET MR FORD TAKE THE REFUGEES, SINCE HIS COUNTRY IS RICH," HE SAID. END UNCLAS BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL

7. COMMENT: MALIK'S UNUSUALLY BARBED COMMENTS ABOUT US BASES, "INTERFERENCE," RESPONSIBILITY FOR REFUGEES AND HIS WELCOMING UNIFICATION OF VIETNAM AND PREDITION OF INEVITABLY COMMUNIST INDOCHINA ARE FURTHEROVERTURES TO HANOI SIMILAR TO THOSE HE HAS BEEN MAKING IN RECENT WEEKS(REF A, B). THEY APPARENTLY REFLECT HIS VIEW THAT INDONESIA CAN BEST ACCOMODATE ITSELF TO COMMUNIST SUC- CESSSES IN INDOCHINA BY SUPPORTING NORTH VIETNAMESE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE OR HEGEONY IN INDOCHINA, HOPING PERHAPS THIS WOULD SERVE AS BUFFER AGAINST CHINA. WE BELIEVE GOI SECURITY LEADERS, WHO ARE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY, ARE TAKING MUCH MORE CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO INDOCHINA THAN MALIK AND WOULD NOT ENDORSE HIS PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR HANOI'S CONTROL OF AREA, AT LEAST AT THIS FLUID STAGE IN EVENTS. CERTAINLY MALIK'S ENTHUSIASTIC RECOMMENDATION FOR CLOSURE OF US BASES AND HIS ANTI-US TONE ARE OUT OF STEP WITH VIEW OF GOI SECURITY LEADERSHIP. FACT THAT NONE OF GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED PAPERS REPORTED MALIK'S NEEDLING OF US AND HIS CONCILIATORY REMARKS ABOUT COMMUNIST INDOCHINA, MAY REFLECT DIVERGENCE BETWEEN MALIK'S COMMENTS AND REAL VIEWS OF GOI TOP LEADERSHIP. NEWSOM

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